

P.S. I owe you a debt of gratitude, already,  
which, I fear, I shall never be able to pay; but  
I know your Master will reward you an  
hundred fold. Your afflicted brother  
A. W. Morton



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Several months, an advocate of the rights  
of the down trodden slave, before I came into  
the abolition ranks. She was President of the N.Y. Female  
Anti Slav. Soc. nearly at the time <sup>I resided in N.Y.</sup> The characteristics of her mind  
were prudence, conscientiousness, & an inflexible  
adherence to principle, in the smallest matters.  
She had ~~as~~ a large share of what is called  
Common sense, & her judgement was always respectful  
& seldom failed. Her counsel has saved me many  
mistakes, & had I more uniformly followed it, I  
should have avoided many more. She had  
a peculiar faculty of making friends, & keeping  
them. Her mild, & amiable manners endeared her  
to all her acquaintances, & enabled her to win over  
to the cause of humanity many whose prejudices  
had held them fast to the side of the oppressor.

By natural endowment, by education, & by grace,  
she was eminently fitted for the station she has  
been called to fill. As a wife & mother her loss to  
me, & to our dear children, will be irreparable.

I cannot contemplate her death, but with  
emotion of grief, almost inconsolable, &  
overwhelming. Do pray for me, my dear brother,  
that I may have grace to sustain me, in the  
anxious trial, through which I must so pass.  
I hope, dear Sir, that you will find it con-  
venient to comply with the request, contained  
in this letter. Your expense will be born. Please answer  
this immediately. In the love of the Gospel, Yours &c. J. H. Martineau



perform the religious service at her funeral.  
She wants some minister who is our friend, & who  
knows how to sympathize with the bereaved.  
You have ~~you~~ yourself, passed through the  
same trying scene which is just before your  
afflicted brother. And you, above all my minis-  
terial brethren, I should prefer to conduct the funer-  
al service of my dear, dear wife. She wishes  
to be carried to the Church, & if not too much  
trouble, that you preach a funeral Sermon.  
But if the preparation will occupy too much  
of your ~~for~~ time, then make such remarks as  
the occasion & your judgment may suggest.  
She does not wish to be eulogized, but simply  
to have you simply state that she died in the  
Lord. I would say, that her life, & labours  
have been all that an intelligent Christian  
should be. She has been eminently consecrated  
to the service of her divine Master, & has laboured  
beyond her strength for the advancement of his  
cause. She was actively engaged in the benevo-  
lent enterprises of the age; especially those that  
have met with most opposition from popu-  
lar prejudices. She espoused the cause of the ~~op-~~  
pressed ~~as~~ when its claims ~~at~~ were first  
presented to the public. When you sent out your  
circular to the ministers, she heartily responded  
to all the principles therein contained; & was





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Rev. J. H. Martyn  
 Harshill June 3d. 1840.

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Dear Brother,

I address  
 you in circumstances of deep affliction.  
 My dear wife, is soon, to all human appear-  
 ances, to be taken from me. She very low,  
 & all her symptoms of the most unfavourable  
 character. Her disease is fast approaching  
~~to~~ that awful crisis, which I have long  
 dreaded, but which, I have hoped, till within  
 a few days, was still remote. But I have  
 now given up all hope of her recovery.  
 Her physician says she cannot, <sup>continue</sup> with us more  
 than three weeks, & probably not ten days. She  
 is liable to fall away any day. & I may say,  
 any hour. But I have one sweet, glorious  
 consolation. She has fought the good fight,  
 & kept the faith, & is ready to depart. Her  
 mind is calm, & peaceful. Her faith is un-  
 wavering, & her hope as an anchor to her soul,  
 sure, & steadfast. She talks of death with as  
 much composure as she would of visit to her  
 friends. She has given directions in reference  
 to her funeral, & the disposition of her children  
 &c. It is her request, that you be invited to